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Calgary students protest underfunding

BY WILLIAM HO
AND CAREY DU GRAY

CALGARY (CUP)—In the largest demonstration of anger, solidarity, and general discontent since 1989, over 3000 University of Calgary students and staff rallied last week against post-secondary education underfunding.

"Clearly, there are no apathy problems at the U of C," said student council president Heidi Kutz to an enthusiastic crowd.

Many students were armed with placards and banners with slogans like "Hi Mom! Send \$\$\$, Gov't Won't".

The rally began with speeches from members of the university community. They berated the provincial government for its ignorance of the need for adequate funding.

Kutz mentioned problems such as increasing tuition fees, restrictions on student loans, accessibility and quality concerns, and diminishing library acquisitions.

Several speakers argued post-secondary education should be viewed as an investment for the future.

"It has been shown by the government's own figures that the

surest way to reduce the drain on social services and health care is by providing education to the people so they can take care of themselves," said George Fritz of the University of Calgary Faculty Association.

The waste of government funds was another issue addressed by the speakers.

Referring to such fiascos as Peter Pocklington's loan defaults, Alberta Union of Public Employees Local 52 President Pat Walsh said, "It is appalling that a government that can piss away millions on pipe dreams and pork-barrelling cannot adequately fund education...when education, it has the gall to say, is top priority."

U of C Chancellor David Smith suggested the government should cut somewhere else, noting post-secondary education is the only government area of funding which has taken cuts in the last five consecutive years.

Buoyed by the emotional audience, a couple of the speakers' attacks bordered on being personal.

Representing U of C Adult Students, Bill Ross repeatedly referred to politicians as people who just don't think.

"These people who just don't

think have no vision for the future," Ross said. "They're so shortsighted, I think they became blind. These people who just don't think believe they're doing what the public wants."

Walsh drew laughter and cheers

when he suggested "when the little Jack Adys and the junior Ralph Kleins...don't get in...that just might speed things up a tad."

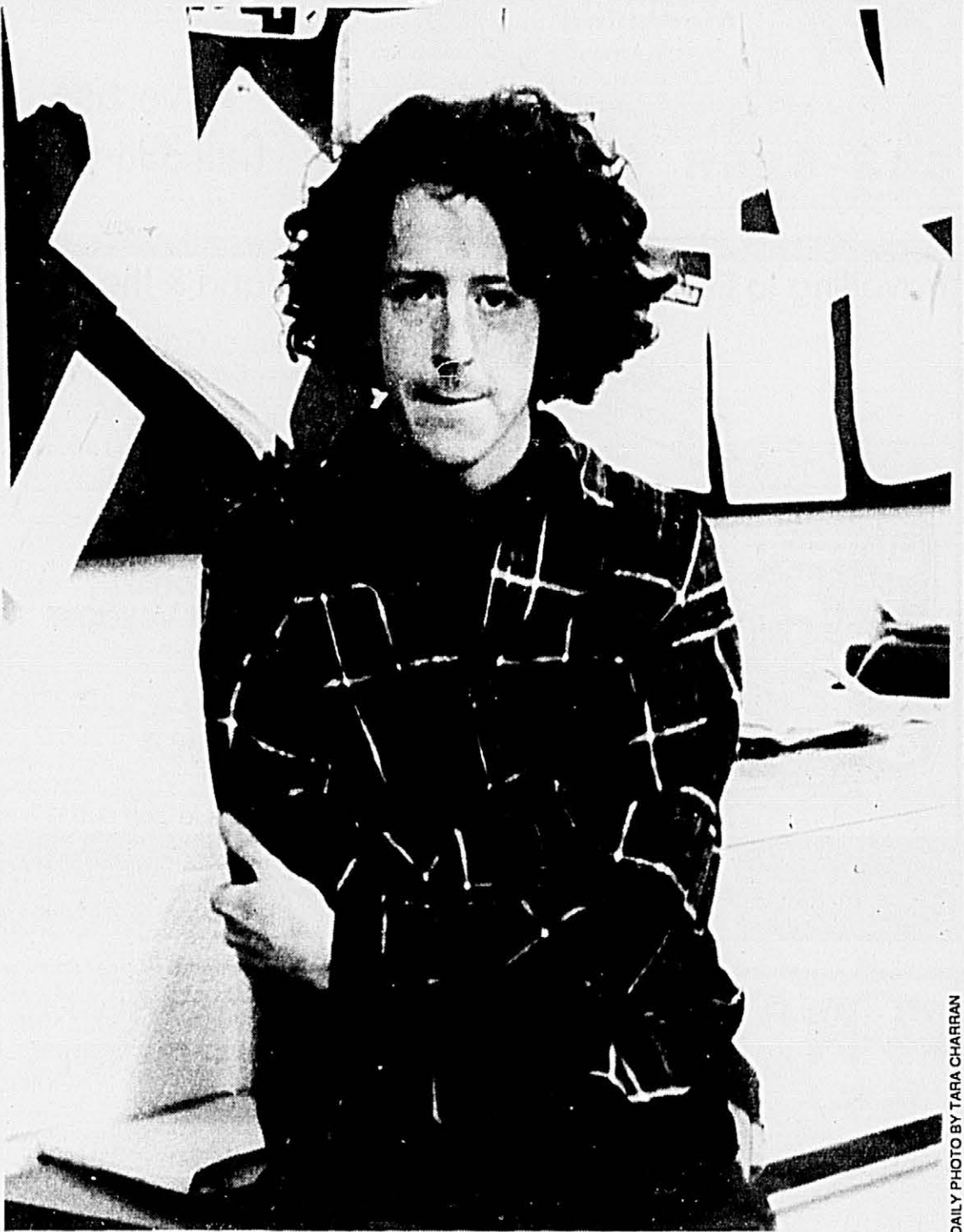
High schools students had their say as well.

Graham McElheran, a student

from William Aberhart High School, reported \$11 million was spent last year on returning Grade 12 students and said he was concerned about his future "because the government can't afford to fund education for this future generation."

Prince Pleads Insanity

Students' society president suggested student fee increase in Senate



DAILY PHOTO BY TARA CHARRAN

BY FIONA MCCAW

"I'd like to plead insanity," said Students' Society president Jason Prince, explaining why he suggested in Senate that the university adopt a new student fee to help pay for improvements to McGill's cash-strapped library system.

Prince suggested the fee during a Senate debate on how much the library should be funded.

"We could have an extra lump of money that students would contribute under very strict conditions," Prince said during the meeting.

Prince is opposed to tuition fees. He is also outspoken in his opposition to student service fee increases.

Prince said the money from the new fee should go towards increasing the library's collections, that pro-

fessors as a group should contribute the same amount as students, and that students should have control over how the money is spent. Prince added that students should have the option not to pay the fee.

When asked why he suggested a new fee for the libraries, given his views on student fees, Prince said "Some students still think there should be an extraordinary fee like this, and I think they should consider these factors before they consider anything else."

He said he regretted bringing the idea up in Senate when no-one else mentioned it.

"Maybe it was completely wrong even to imagine that. I felt sick because it's against everything I believe in."

More on the Senate debate on libraries: page 6.

Financial aid reforms

Beginning of the end for interest-free loan periods

BY JENNIFER BOL

OTTAWA (CUP) — Students who have taken out Canada Student Loans are about to lose their six month interest-free period after graduation.

Until now, the government has paid interest on the loan while students are in school and for six months after they graduate or quit. But in a decidedly undemocratic move Feb. 4, a House of Commons committee adopted Bill C-76 — which eliminates the interest subsidy.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) had hoped to appear before the committee to argue against the Bill's harsh measures, but Committee chair Don Blenkarn and Conservative MP's David Bjornson and Greg Thompson passed a motion stating there would be no public hearings.

When Liberal MP Ron Duhamel and NDP MP Ron Fisher walked out in disgust, Blenkarn pulled in a Conservative MP not originally on the committee to make quorum. The four-man Conservative committee then proceeded to do a clause-by-clause review of Bill C-76 before adopting it. The review took five minutes.

The bill has now gone back to the House of Commons for the third reading.

"It's a rubber stamp vote," said CFS spokesperson Jocelyn Charron. "As soon as the House of Commons votes on it, it becomes law."

"(Students) will start to pay the interest (on their Canada Student Loans) as soon as they graduate or as soon as they quit school," he said.

Charron said the government "is trying to find a way to 'share the risk'" of making sure the interest is paid — possibly in collaboration with banks.

"That means if your folks could underwrite you or not," he said. "And that would destroy the purpose of student loans" because only students whose parents have money would be able to get loans."

Bill C-76 will also make non-profit lobby groups, including CFS, pay a registration fee. Charron said he thought this would be about \$600 a year. If lobby groups refuse to pay the fee they would lose their official status. "That would cut off our access," he said.

Charron said the worst thing about Bill C-76 is that it has not been democratically debated..

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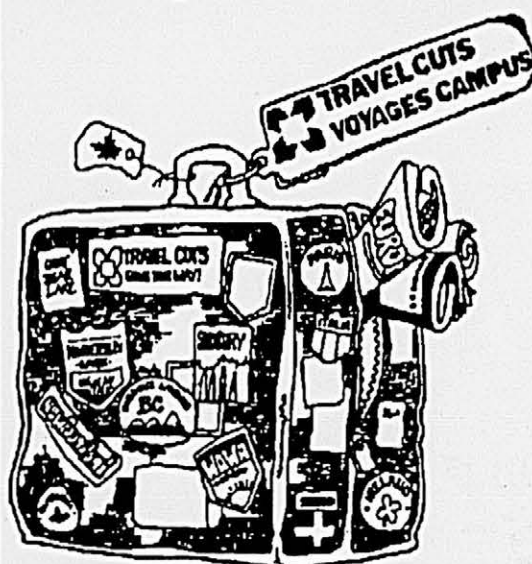
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McGill may link up with Space University

BY FIONA MCCAW

McGill may become the site of an affiliate campus for a private university dealing with space research if law professor Michael Milde has his way.

Milde is the director of McGill's Institute of Air and Space Law. This institute, along with the Aerospace Medical Research unit and an informal consortium of Montréal universities, could become part of an affiliated campus of the International Space University, based in Strasbourg, France.

Milde described the planning for an affiliate campus bid as being in a "somewhat anecdotal stage".

"We will be competing for it but everything is very remote at the

moment," said Milde.

McGill university made a bid for the main campus of the International Space University last year. It was turned down. York University in Toronto made the short list of bids, but was also turned down in favour of Strasbourg.

Now that the main campus is settled, universities around the world have the opportunity to compete to host affiliate campuses.

Milde said he and others at the Institute were working on a syllabus for the Space University. He said the institute would not make a bid until the syllabus had been worked out.

Douglas Watt, director of the Aerospace Medical research unit, was less sure about participating in

a bid for an affiliate campus.

"The function and role of satellite campuses has not really been defined," said Watt. "I'm not going to start work on it until we know what the term means."

He said people from York University had approached the Aerospace Medical research unit with the idea of setting up an affiliate campus at McGill if the main campus wound up at York.

Watt said he quite liked the idea.

"It's likely to work out to be quite a good thing," said Watt. "We'd be a remote set of labs in which some of the students could find out what we are doing."

Watt said it didn't bother him that the space university is private

and proposes to charge \$25 000 in tuition.

"It's quite different. The conditions there are likely to change once it has a permanent campus," Watt said. Students attending the space university are often sponsored by governments and that the space university is funded through a combination of government and private money.

Milde stressed that if an affiliate campus of the Space University started at McGill, it would not take any money away from McGill university.

"Principal Johnston has said it will not be funded from the current budget of McGill university," said Milde. According to Milde, Johnston also said the Space University would not be welcome if it took provincial government money

that would otherwise have gone to McGill.

York University's bid for the space university was the subject of furious controversy last year. Proponents said it offered a chance for the university to expand research in areas of study related to Space technology and exploration.

Opponents were concerned at the university's high tuition, its reputed links with the American military, and the resources the federal and Ontario governments were pledging for the school's construction.

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Le Devoir — A News Family

BY TROY MCGARRIGLE

Le Devoir's 100 employees recently rescued the paper from a serious financial dilemma by contributing \$200,000 to the paper. The contribution was intended to protect the future of the paper and ensure the continuation of an independent Nationalist voice for Quebec.

Le Devoir, one of Montreal's two French dailies, has hit hard times. Over the past several years, circulation has declined, and the paper has accumulated a deficit. In June of 1992, the decision was made to seek outside investment, which resulted in the selling of 49% of the papers shares. This in itself is not unusual, except that in this case one group of investors is the papers employees.

Four separate unions voted in favour of the idea to contribute to the paper. The idea was presented by the paper's management, and was supported even by non-unionized employees.

"It was not a matter of obligation," said non-unionized secretary Susan Marchand. "The paper is important for Quebec. I was not forced to contribute."

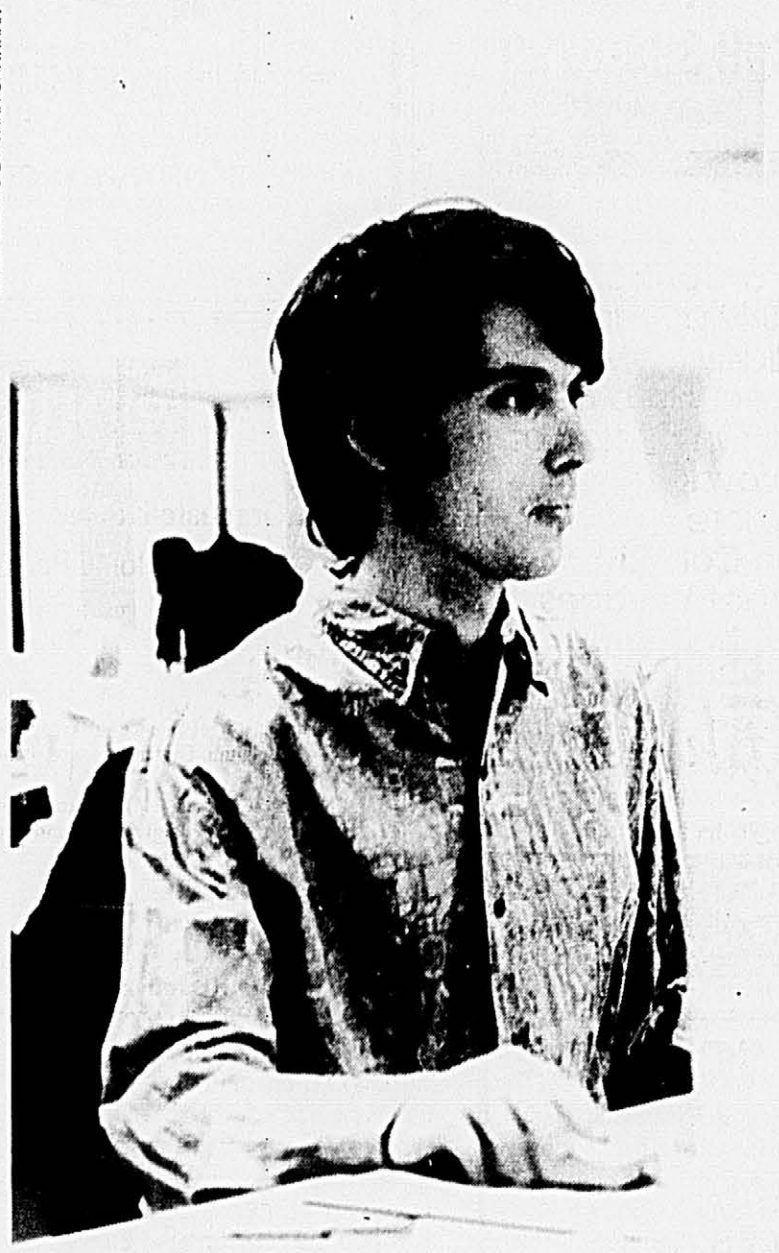
Marchand was not involved in the decision, being a non-unionized employee, but chose to invest her share of \$2000 anyway. "There are 20 non-union employees. If I didn't contribute, the 19 others would have to make up my share," she said.

She emphasized the fact that *Le Devoir* is a community, one that the employees believe in.

Journalist Jean-Robert Sansfaçon agreed.

"*Le Devoir* is small, with only 30 journalists. We are a little bit like a family. We are not merely financing our boss. The paper represents ideals, and stands for change," he said.

Along with voting shares, the employees also gained a position for one member on the board of directors. This will increase the employees' access to information, and give more weight to the unions. The employees will also be presented with the option to sell back their



Jean Sebastien, union secretary of *Le Devoir*

shares to *Le Devoir* Inc. in 1998.

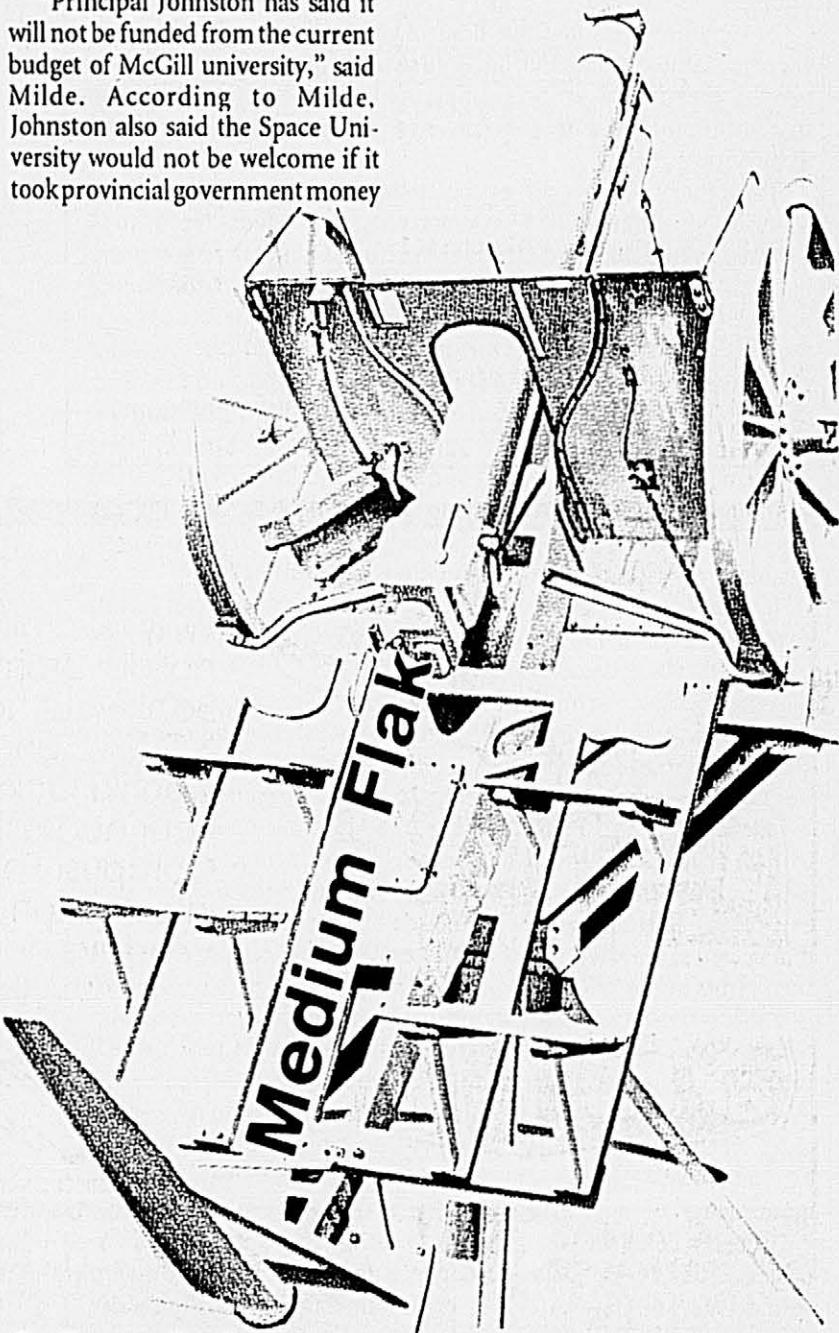
Le Devoir is Canada's only daily paper not owned by a major holding company. Quebec Nationalist Henri Bourassa established the paper's company, Imprimerie Populaire Ltée, which would maintain its independent Nationalist focus.

The June decision resulted in the selling of 49% of the shares, to investors such as le Fond de Solidarité and the Desjardins credit union, to a total of \$5 million, with a \$1 million loan from the Bank of Canada. The remaining 51% re-

mained with the paper, which changed its ownership name to *Le Devoir*, Inc.

When asked if the outside investment would influence the statement of principals, union secretary Jean Sebastien gave an emphatic "no."

"Contract clauses state that all minority shareholders have a say in financial decisions. The paper lost power on financial decisions only," he added. "The shareholders will have no say on what goes to print. The paper will stay independent of all businesses and political parties."



Health tax loophole

BY ADRIANA BARTON

Up to 40 000 self-employed people in Québec don't pay the 3.75 per cent health tax normally deducted from pay cheques. But the self-employed still benefit from universal health care.

Although the tax exemption is beneficial for low-income earners such as artists, writers, farmers and fishermen, higher income earners such as doctors and engineers take advantage of the loophole.

In Ontario, the provincial government recently changed the rules. Starting January 1, those classified as self-employed will be required to pay a 3.75 per cent health tax when their net income exceeds \$40 000. In Québec there are no similar measures being proposed.

Many people are unaware of the loophole. Doctor Gagnon, joint

general director of the Fédération des Médecins omni-pratiques au Québec said, "it would surprise me if a portion of our income tax didn't go directly to medicare".

However, after some research he said, "I had to talk to two accountants and a fiscalist and you're right, we don't contribute directly (to medicare)".

Gagnon opposed the adoption of a health tax for doctors. "That would be an extra burden. We are already paying the GST on all our expenses," he said.

Lina Bonamie, joint secretary of the Fédération Infirmiers Infirmières du Québec, was unaware of the loophole. But she said the Ontario law should be made applicable to Québec. "Health is the business of all society and everyone should participate in the costs," said Bonamie.

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comment

Blue Notes: Bobsled to hell

I thought I could count the young PC's of McGill among the careful and intelligent of the university. Guess not. The publication of what I consider to be unmitigated hate literature in the recent copy of *Blue Notes* has sent that notion on a bobsled to hell. Furthermore, the seeming inability of the young P.C.'s Todd Roberts and Nick Benedict (see today's letters) to apologize for their mistake only adds insult to injury.

The arguments employed in the piece, written by one Erika Norheim, are of the same standard that has been used to suppress disenfranchised peoples since time began. An example of which is Norheim's reasoning that since homosexuality is offensive to some no-one should be forced to hire queers.

Two generations ago, some people used to have strong religious and moral beliefs about say, letting women publish. No doubt Norheim as a woman would find this at least, distasteful. That she in turn engages in exactly the same rhetoric, when it comes to queers, is tragicomic. So the PC youth ran a disclaimer. Big Fuckin' Deal. The fact remains that this article appears in its forum. That they would even consider such quasi-religious antediluvian trash fit for publication in their newsletter indicates at least a certain intolerance for queer issues on their part.

Screw the agenda of the left and the politically correct. I'm not whipping up fantasylike Dream Whip here, it's this kind reasoning that has seen my friends inducted to the emergency ward, fired from jobs, unable to marry and refused the privilege of parenting.

If queers don't deserve basic human rights, like every other citizen of this country, then why doesn't society just brand that pink triangle to our foreheads and use us as slave labour.

What Norheim wrote was not a critique of Kim Campbell's bill, it was a scathing dismissal of queer existence. Both Roberts and Benedict claim that we should openly debate bills, especially in the forum of a political party newsletter. And we should. We should not however, use that debate as a means to propagate and further discriminatory agenda.

I am sorry if an individual's feelings or beliefs are trampled on by my existence, but that's just too bad. I am sick and tired of being told everywhere I go that I am not valid, useful, or natural. I am not asking that everyone be queer, just that they respect my right to be, as I respect their rights not to be.

And that is the crux of the argument. The right to be versus the right to discriminate against. A bill ensuring that queers, purged, annihilated, beaten, and hated are guaranteed the same rights and freedoms as everyone else is not a request for special treatment, it is a request for equal treatment. It ensures that we will be employed, respected and catered to by a government and by a legal system notorious for ignoring us.

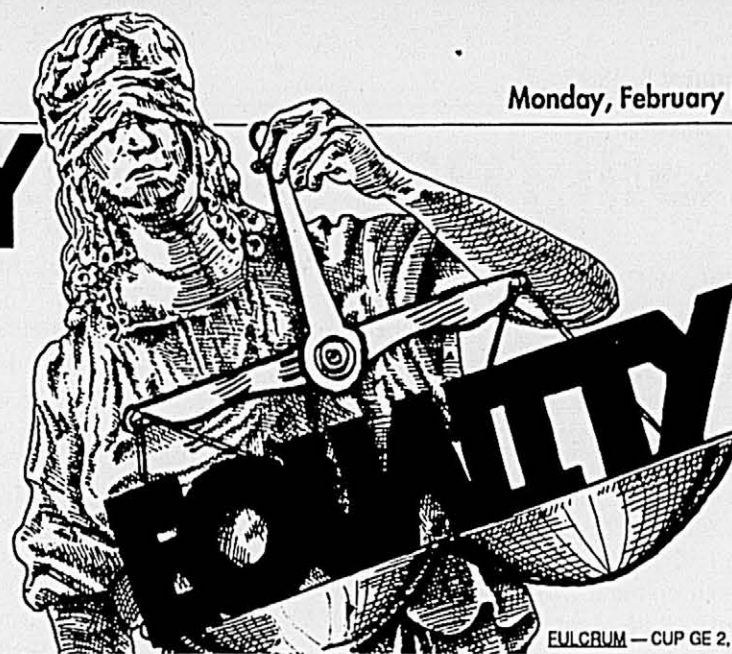
Roberts claims the young PC's are proud to provide a platform for debate, and will continue to provide such a platform. I have no qualm with debate. I do have apprehensions about blatantly discriminatory writing. PC McGill may see my arguments and comments in a different light. If that is to be the nature of the beast, then so be it.

However, they shouldn't be too surprised if the parties involved cry foul the next time someone chooses to air the polluted rantings of hateful opinion under the guise of well-reasoned thought in *Blue Notes*.

James Forbes

erratum

In the Feb 3 article "Athletics complex behind schedule" the statement "the longer the project takes, the more students pay" is incorrect. Students contribute \$7.50 per semester towards the new athletics complex until 1997 regardless of any delay in the project.



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The myth of no females

Opinion by Carolina Berinstein and Desea Trujillo

In September of 1992 we registered for a class offered by the Hispanic Studies Department called *Literature of Ideas*. This course claimed to offer us a glimpse into the thoughts and philosophy of numerous Latin American thinkers who lived during the last two centuries. Unfortunately, we discovered rather quickly that the focus of the course did not include the thought of women. We approached the professor in order to understand why this was so. His answer was that no important female thinkers existed during the 1800s and 1900s, (rather, he knew of none), and for this reason his course would be restricted to dealing with male thought only.

When we brought our complaint to the chairperson of Hispanic Studies, he argued that the department could not "cater to" women's needs because this would mean that they would then have to "cater to" the needs of all minority groups, such as

African Americans and Jews. Our point is just that: that any course *should* be as inclusive as possible so that all aspects of society are represented. As women are a majority in Latin America, by excluding their ideas and those of other genuine minority groups, only the opinions of a very small percentage of the population are represented.

The chairperson was even less concerned with our complaint about the use of gender exclusive language throughout the entirety of the course. This goes directly against legislation passed by McGill University's senate two years ago. In addition, this only helps to reinforce erroneous images perpetuated throughout history of men as participants and women as observers.

In response to the claim that no important female thinkers existed, even we, through our own limited research, were able to find Maria de Zayas, Gabriela Mistral, and Victoria

Ocampo, all women whose works were an integral part of Latin American thought. This same kind of attitude has been responsible for not only the exclusion of women's achievements in many fields but also, among other things, the exclusion of African American and Native American contributions to the thought and history of the Americas. By challenging this attitude, the necessary research will be encouraged to discover the voices of those we were told did not exist.

The fact that women thinkers were omitted from the curriculum of this class, composed of 75 per cent women, can have serious consequences. What does it teach us? Is an education not supposed to teach us about the world we live in and the achievements of all of society's members? Further one can only guess as to how many students will leave this class believing that no female thinkers existed. *Literature of Ideas* only focussed on male thought of the time, a factor which should be emphasized in order to avoid the perpetuation of the myth that no female thinkers existed.

Political and diplomatic points

Opinion by a devastated Arab

The White House spokesman of the Bush administration, Marlin Fitzwater openly admitted January 17 that the aim of the American bombing of Iraq was to make a "political and diplomatic point".

One year after the war had supposedly ended, the American and Allied troops are still deployed in the Gulf. Will the world see the end of this problem? I think not. The aggression towards Iraq is not an international one, but a personal war being conducted by George Bush against Saddam Hussein.

Fitzwater's words show that the U.S. wants to lay down the law and enforce it through armed aggression. To the best of my knowledge, laying

down the law is the job of the United Nations' General Assembly.

The bombardment of Iraq started on January 13th. The decision was not made by the U.N. security council, but by the United States' government. How can this event be taking place at an international level when the U.S. makes the calls?

The American people have been voicing their disapproval ever since the invasion of Kuwait. That did not change the government's stand.

The Canadian government is involved in this catastrophe too. Barbara MacDougall, the minister of foreign affairs publicly stated that despite what people feel, "Canada is supporting the U.S. government in

the bombardment".

I don't think this decision was considered carefully. Canada has always been a peaceful country. These air raids on civilians in Iraq do not promote peace. They promote murder on an international level.

The increasing number of deaths in Iraq goes to prove that this personal hatred displayed by Bush towards Saddam Hussein has gone far enough. Should the women and children suffer and die because of one man's heartless feelings? The Iraqi people have suffered enough, and they do not need the Americans to add to it.

The facts show that it is the U.S. and its allies which are violating international law and committing aggression against Iraq. And the Canadian government is part of this.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.



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Marshall's Law

BY JENA MARTIN

THURGOOD MARSHALL died on January 24, 1993. With his passing, Marshall's legacy goes beyond the realm of the Supreme Court and takes on the aura of a legend.

Although perhaps not as renowned as such figures as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, Marshall's dedication and commitment in the area of civil rights and his contributions in the field of law serve as a model for future generations.

Born on July 2nd, 1908 in Baltimore, Maryland, Thurgood Marshall came into a world where, as one journalist put it, "segregation of the races was pervasive and taken for granted, where lynching was common, where the black man's inherent inferiority was proclaimed widely and wantonly."

Growing up in this atmosphere had a profound impact on Marshall. When he applied to the University of Maryland's all-white law school, he was denied admission. Later, Marshall went on to file and win a motion to have desegregated universities.

In 1967, he became the first African-American to be appointed to the United States Supreme Court. But Marshall's legacy began long before then.

From 1939 until 1960 he served as Chief Counsel of the NAACP (The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) legal defense fund. During this period, he won 29 out of 32 cases argued before the Supreme Court.

Marshall firmly adhered to the NAACP's tenets of racial desegregation, and in 1954 made history when he successfully argued against the doctrine of a "separate but equal" status of the races in the case of *Brown vs. the Board of Education*.

The doctrine of separate but equal had been put in place in 1897 with the case of *Plessy vs. Ferguson*. The case had legalized segregation (known as Jim Crow Laws) and had helped establish a system of apartheid in the United States.

With the victory of *Brown...*, Marshall assisted in eliminating legal segregation in schools and paved the way for a succession of court cases which led to racial integration on buses, in buildings and in res-



taurants.

Marshall was Chief Counsel for the NAACP during the height of the civil rights movement. While others were out there challenging the existing racist laws using political means, Marshall was using his legal expertise to support them, seeking to expand the scope of law

in America so as to include all races.

When he was offered the position of Solicitor General in 1961, Marshall hesitated over whether to accept. "I was afraid [my colleagues] would think I was deserting the struggle," he was quoted as saying. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Between his leaving the NAACP in 1961 and becoming a Supreme Court Justice in 1967, he argued 14 of the 32 cases before the High Tribunal.

With his ascension to the Supreme Court, Marshall's career entered a new phase. In office, he continued to uphold the rights of minorities, women, lesbians and gays.

Throughout his 24 years as a Justice, Marshall strongly maintained his beliefs in equality under the law and the need for the elimination of the abuse of governmental power. In 1969, he summed up this basic belief when he wrote, "Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the

power to control men's minds."

His mentor throughout his career, Charles Hamilton Houston was the Vice-Dean of Howard University (where Marshall eventually went to law school). Marshall credited Houston with instilling in him a respect for using the law as a means to bring about change, saying, "Charlie Houston insisted that we be social engineers rather than lawyers."

In 1991, Marshall retired from the bench, citing his poor health as the reason. In one of his final statements before leaving, he expressed his increasing dissatisfaction with the Supreme Court's move to the right. Marshall felt that in recent years the courts had been dispensing politics rather than justice, using the court as a way to dictate their own personal agenda on others. Reflecting on this growing concern with the conservativeness of the bench Marshall said, "Power, not reason, is the new currency of this court's decision-making."

Thurgood Marshall leaves behind a legacy. In these times when people look at our system of justice with increasing contempt and distrust, Marshall shows us another way. In a time when many Blacks were resigned to destitution and despair, he had the courage, insight, and dedication to persevere, never stopping until he found a way to make the system work for justice.

The Mad Mullah of Somaliland

BLACK HISTORY

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AS HE LEAVES SOMALIA, U.S. marine private first class Joseph Smith (a.k.a. GI Joe) is a little saddened by the brevity of his adventure. This story, if he ever hears it, will give him at least one reason to be glad he's going home.

It is the story of the semi-legendary "Mad Mullah of Somaliland," a preacher-poet-warrior of the early twentieth century.

He was there the last time an imperial army had the temerity to hit the beaches of the horn of Africa. Decapitation was one of the ways in which the Mad Mullah welcomed foreign soldiers.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as European powers divided up the African pie, one of the Italian slices was the southern half of present day Somalia, while the north became British Somaliland. The latter is where the revolt of the Mad Mullah, one of longest and fiercest anti-colonial wars in Africa, was fought.

Over a period of twenty years, the Mad Mullah's guerilla war gave the British would-be colonisers a bitter appetitif, before they could swallow the whole country.

The Legend behind the Name

Mohammed ben Abdallah Hassan was a Somali of the Darod clan, born in 1864 in Ogaden,

present-day Ethiopia. Although a devout Muslim, he was not a "mullah" (priest) nor was he mad, but he was a poet, one of the country's greatest.

Popular legend has it that in 1899, on his return from a pilgrimage to Mecca, Hassan was met at the port city of Berbera by a British official who demanded that he pay some kind of tax to His or Her Majesty's government. Unphased, he told the Arab translator to tell the Englishman, "Do you pay taxes to foreigners in Britain? This is my country, you should be paying taxes to me."

The translator dared not utter such outrageous words, lest the ire of his master fall on his innocent self. So he said, "Don't pay attention to him, he's just a mad mullah."

The name stuck. A rebellion was born.

Although such an event might have been the catalyst of the revolt, the political inspiration is believed to have come from "mahdism", a vast political movement which had been active in Sudan, and still exists in various parts of the Muslim world.

The War

The Mad Mullah's judicious choice of where to base his rebellion is an indication of how brilliantly cunning he was.

In the harsh dry mountains a few hundred kilometers inland from the easternmost tip of the horn of Africa, it was not only strategically

problematic to attack him, it was also politically impossible.

His headquarters were located near the point where three hostile empires met: Ethiopia to the west, the British to the northeast, and the Italians to the southeast.

In those days of vaguely-defined borders, no army could venture into the area without risking war with another. Mad Mullah knew that it was unlikely the three powers in the region could agree on any joint action against him.

At first his activities did not worry the British greatly. He formed a guerrilla army which went about terrorizing fellow Somalis who were not good Muslims.

On one occasion, they are said to have murdered 300 women guilty of not performing daily prayers.

As the movement grew it became increasingly political, and less religious. An important theme in his movement was Somali unity. He condemned all subdivisions of Somali society, to the point of forcing his followers to renounce clan and family links.

In light of the clan civil war that has destroyed Somalia in the last two years, one can only wish that he had been more successful on this front.

The elite troops in his army were the "Dervishes". According to legend, their minimum height was 2 metres, and upon joining the force, they gave up their names, withdrew from social life, and donned pure white cloth, a symbol of death. They

were the premier fighting force the world has ever seen, living and fighting in the wild with reckless abandon. A Dervish was a man with no past, no future, no worldly ties, and hence feared nothing, not even death.

Soon the Mad Mullah started attacking the colonial power. The British soldiers, already struggling to cope with the harsh environment, were no match for his surrealistic giant killing machines.

A typical example: the Mad Mullah and his men would draw the enemy into an arid region, and simply wait in the hills surrounding one of the few watering points. As the exhausted British arrived and concentrated around the source, a band of Somalis on horseback would descend upon them at lightning speed and chop them to pieces.

As the number of his extraordinary guerrilla successes increased, so did his following, a result of the profound admiration and fear that his exploits instilled in his adherents.

Indeed, the slightest trace of collaboration with the British was enough to ensure a death sentence from the Mad Mullah which would be swiftly carried out. At its peak, his force had a cavalry of 10,000 men.

As amazing as they were, the military exploits were only one side of the story. The success of the Mad Mullah was also due to his manipulation of the superpowers. He used the French in nearby Djibouti as

suppliers of arms, the Turks (fellow Muslims) as allies, Lidj Iyasou - the short lived ruler of Ethiopia - as a friend and provider of shelter when necessary. He moved back and forth between Italian Somalia and British Somaliland.

In 1905, realizing that they would not prevail by force, the British managed to appease the Mullah, and achieved an uneasy truce which was not to last.

In 1908, the Mad Mullah took up arms once again. After many unsuccessful efforts to stop this revolt, the British created a special unit, the Camel Constabulary Corps under a Col. Corfield which became famous for having quelled anti-colonial activity in Nigeria.

On August 13th 1913, a few months after their arrival, the CCC and Col. C. were history, completely slaughtered.

Their road ended where it intersected the Mad Mullah's path.

The guerrilla war went on until 1920, twenty one years after it had started. Then Winston Churchill ordered aerial bombardments. Invincible on the ground, the Mad Mullah could not overcome this new weapon. He fled to Ethiopia, where he stayed until his death a few months later.

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Senators decide on library budget increase

University libraries to become best funded system in Canada in ten years.

BY FIONA MCCAW

After two hours of lively debate last Wednesday, Senators finally reached an agreement on the amount of money to give McGill's cash-strapped library system.

A special committee evaluating the effectiveness of the library system last summer concluded that the libraries were suffering badly from some ten years of underfunding. It recommended that the proportion of the university's money spent on libraries increase over ten years to ten per cent of the operating budget from the five to six per cent currently allotted.

But some Senators objected to the ten per cent figure, saying it was an unrealistic target for a university already facing severe financial difficulties. Instead, Senate agreed to change the target to making a "serious effort to become the leading university library in Canada", on the condition that the staff of the library improve cost-efficiency.

"I don't think anyone can object to spending more on the library," said Graham Bell, a member of the committee proposing the ten per cent target. "It is simply the figure of ten per cent."

Bell said the target was consistent with actions the university is taking now. This year each of the faculties diverted a total of one million dollars to go towards improving the libraries. The faculties plan to continue this for the next two years.

"It requires that the present policy on shifting funds to the library should be continued beyond the three year window at a slower rate," said Bell.

Vice-principal (Planning and resources) Francois Tavenas said he had serious misgivings about the effect such a massive redistribution of funds would have on the university.

"I am concerned about the statement of fixed proportions of the budget area without any qualifiers," said Tavenas. "If we simply look at the evolution of things, it is clear that something has to break."

Dean of Arts John McCallum had similar concerns about allocating a fixed proportion of the budget, and said that while the library definitely needed more money, ten per cent was not necessarily a desirable figure.

"I support very strongly the (current) three million transfer even though the first million was painful, the second will be even more painful and the third promises to be even more painful," said McCallum.

McCallum added that unless there is a substantial increase in university funding a further transfer of money would cause serious problems for the Arts faculty.

McCallum said the library should take care to become more cost-effective. He noted that McGill spends a low proportion of its funds on books and journals relative to other Canadian university libraries. He recommended increasing the proportion of library funds spent on collections.

Director of Libraries Eric Ormsby cautioned that making the libraries more cost-effective would probably involve taking steps which would anger faculty members.

He said one of the principal reasons for the high proportion of library finances spent on items other than books was that McGill has a decentralised system, with different libraries in different parts of the university. Ormsby said each time the university shuts one of these libraries down to cut costs, the departments most affected protest.

Ormsby added that the extra three million the library is receiving will go exclusively to collections.

One suggestion to make the library work more efficiently was to foster closer cooperation between the libraries of all Montréal Universities. Senate voted to look into ways of making this happen.

"We should be thinking in terms of a university library system," said engineering dean Pierre Bélanger.

Arts professor Robert Vogel said that through the existing inter-library loan system, McGill actually lends out more books than it borrows from Québec universities and colleges.

Senate turned down a proposal to take library costs into account when calculating how much money the university should charge for overhead costs on research projects. The overhead costs reflect how much individual research projects cost the system as a whole.

Dean of Engineering Pierre Bélanger urged Senate to reject the proposal.

"There already is a lot of overhead," said Bélanger.

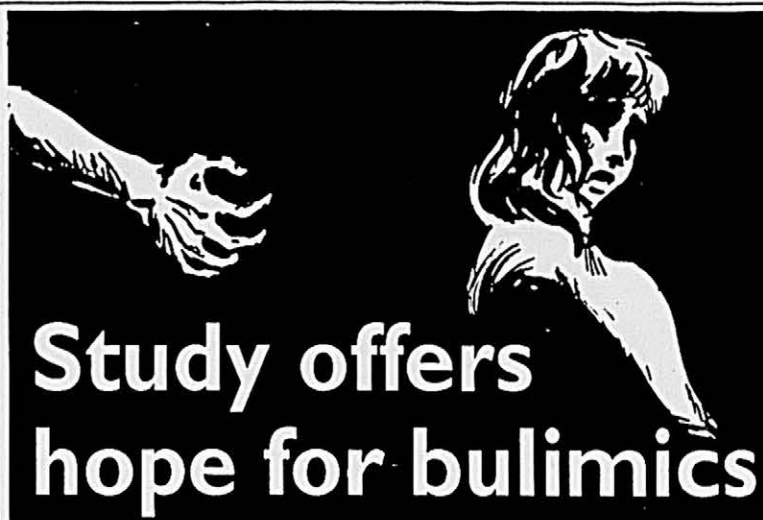
Dubow said that adding a charge for libraries onto grants would penalize professors for doing well at research.

"The way things seem to work around here is that the better you are, the more of a pain in the neck you become."

Bell disagreed.

"The force of the motion is to recognise that whatever contracts are made place an extra burden on the library."

Senate voted to ban informal libraries, set up for the convenience of individual departments. These libraries with materials not available for everyone, will no longer get money from the university operating budget.



Study offers hope for bulimics

BY CAROLINE BUTLER

A three year study on treatment effects at the Eating Disorders Unit of Douglas Hospital Centre in Verdun has produced some encouraging results for sufferers of Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa.

"Our findings show treatment results that are among the better results reported anywhere," said Dr Howard Steiger, Chief of Service at the Eating Disorders Unit.

The large-scale study focused on the treatment of bulimic patients. The patients were assessed according to their personality, eating symptoms and associated symptoms, such as depression.

The study showed that intense, individually adapted therapy was beneficial to patients. The findings will help guide treatment planning and suggest ways of better matching intervention methods with the specific needs of the patient.

The patients were reassessed at three month intervals during and after treatment. The Centre emphasized post-treatment follow-up.

"After treatment some patients have a tendency to slip back into bulimic behaviour in moments of stress, but most patients don't have a full-blown relapse," said Dr. Steiger.

Eating disorders affect an estimated five per cent of Canadian women and an increasing number of men. Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa are not exclusive to one race or

economic group, although both are more prevalent in adolescents.

"Bulimia is an adaptive mechanism" said Dr. Steiger. Many bulimic patients are without a solid sense of self and have self-image and mood regulation problems.

Those suffering from bulimia often starve themselves all day in an attempt to control their eating but later binge, and then in panic vomit or abuse laxatives to purge their systems of food. Both methods of weight control are ineffective and very dangerous.

"Bulimia is like holding your breath for a long time, expecting control but losing it, panicking, gasping for air and exhaling again," said Dr. Steiger.

Anorexia involves a food phobia. Sufferers must overcome a powerful fear of gaining weight and learn to trust themselves to eat. The study results were extremely hopeful for patients with these eating disorders.

Waiting list at Douglas

The Eating Disorders Unit at the Douglas Hospital Centre is an adult centre. Patients average 25 years of age. Most of the patients have had an eating disorder for approximately eight years.

Patients participate in intense programs including individual and group therapy, nutritional therapy,

and medication when necessary. The programs are adapted to each individual and can range in length from four months to two years depending on need. The average patient spends eight months in therapy.

The unit provides three main services. The in-patient program has the facilities to treat six people at a time. It provides treatment for people suffering from physical complications associated with chronic eating disorders.

The outpatient program provides support through group and individual therapy for more stable patients.

There is also a day program, which is more intense than the outpatient program, running three days a week. It is an intermediate step in the process.

Patients receive nutritional rehabilitation as well as vocational rehabilitation to cope with the effect on the patient's working ability a chronic eating disorder can have.

The unit treats approximately 125 patients during the day and outpatients programs at one time. There is a waiting list for treatment which has

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existed since the Eating Disorders Unit opened in 1986; this illustrates the need for more facilities.

Dr. Steiger recognizes the hardship of dealing with an eating disorder. "Recovery is a difficult and gradual process, but in the long term picture, most people really show worthwhile improvement."

If you think that you or someone you know may have an eating disorder, please contact: Eating Disorders Unit, Douglas Hospital Centre, 6875 Lasalle Blvd, Verdun. Tel: 761-6131 loc. 22895.

Councillors duke it out over referendum questions

BY JONATHAN DESBARATS

After hours of bickering, student councillors finally agreed on a set of referendum questions for voting in March. The bulk of the debate was centered on how to sell the new debt repayment plan to students.

The proposed question asked students to approve a \$2.50 increase in Students' Society fees to go towards repaying SSMU's \$600 000 debt to McGill. A second question suggested a 50 cent increase to go towards Students' Society interest groups.

The debate erupted when some councillors suggested merging the two questions, asking students to approve a straight \$3.00 increase in Students' Society fees. The opinion expressed by some councillors was that students would be more likely

to agree to an unspecified increase.

"We have to start paying back the university, so it is a question of getting students to pass this question," said Greg Shron, architecture rep.

But other councillors suggested merging the questions was unfair to students.

"The concept behind the breakdown of the increase is that students will be able to see exactly where their money is going," said Susan Nickerson, VP finance.

After much exasperating, repetitive, and chaotic discussion, councillors voted to pull the 50 cent increase in Student Society fees from the list of referendum questions.

Earlier in the meeting, councillors debated a referendum question requesting a 50 cent increase in Student Society fees to help fund Walk-safe.

"Walk-safe is a service we pro-

vide, and we look at it as a service that needs to continue," said Jeff Percival, VP external.

Some council members suggested that the fee be upped to 75 cents.

But Christopher Sicking, law rep, said the council should look more carefully into Walk-safe's specific needs before deciding on the amount of the increase to be proposed in referendum.

"I hope this isn't the last day to change this [the amount to appear on the referendum question], because if it is this is a really shitty process. Why 75 cents? Why not eighty cents or ninety cents?"

Council informed Sicking that it was the last day to change the amount. Consensus was finally reached on the original referendum question of a 50 cent increase for Walk-safe.

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letters

Think positive

To the Daily:

Attention Dan Robins! Why must one try to disprove economists who tell us the recession is over? What good will it do to say that the recession is not really over? People need a sign of hope to get them spending, investing, and circulating.

Inspiring positive attitudes will in turn inspire positive effects. Recovery does not happen over night. Let's not waste time harping on the word recession and its definition.

Heather Canary
U2 Arts

Jump on the whipping boy

To the Daily:

Starting with "bonified political star", have we heard the last of the critiques on Neal Colgrass' coverage of the Bill Clinton Gala the other week? Well, no. Is there more correction for Mr. Colgrass. You bet.

His quote of Franklin D. Roosevelt's renowned phrase is not quite right. In his inauguration speech on March 4th, 1933, FDR's exact words were: "...let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself...", in rallying Americans to fight and overcome the Great Depression and setting the tone for the introduction of his New Deal programs.

My apologies to Neal Colgrass, as I didn't mean to jump on the bandwagon and trot him out again as seemingly everyone's current favourite whipping boy. But one really should accurately recite FDR's rousing message of inspiration, this being one of the most memorable presidential pronouncements in American history.

Jason Pan
Graduate Studies
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Strange World Order

To the Daily:

Strange are the ways of the New World Order! The speed and vigour with which European powers and the USA have retaliated against Iraqi violation of UN mandated "No-Fly Zone" once again exposes the moral bankruptcy of the Western Powers.

The Serbs have been defying the world and getting away with murder and mayhem unseen since the dark days of Hitler. No one has hinted at enforcing the UN charter. What about a "No-Killing Zone"?

Each successive visit to the bloodthirsty Serbian regime by European

and UN officials is quickly followed by assurances that no military force is being considered to make the Milosevic regime obey the UN resolutions.

The recently held Peace Conference at Geneva is beginning to look like a clever ploy to legitimize the dismemberment of the sovereign UN member state of Bosnia-Herzegovina to satisfy the proponents of Greater Serbia. It is also an attempt to thwart and indeed foreclose any possibility of War Crimes trials of Serbian warlords. The aggrieved Bosnian Muslims and Croats are being asked to accept the landgrab (ethnically cleaned) by well-armed Serbs.

I see another dangerous principle being established. It is an open season on Muslim people. In the New World Order it has become acceptable for non-Muslim states to attack and annex an Islamic people or deport Muslims from their ancestral homes with impunity.

Yours truly,

Fatima Osmancevic
Public Relations Officer
Bosnia & Herzegovina Help
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PCMcGill doesn't socialize

To the Daily:

Dan Robins' comment "Colorado, here we come!" (*Daily*, January 27) was sharply critical of an article that appeared in the last issue of PCMcGill's newsletter, *Bluenotes*. The article opposed the government's amendment to the Human Rights Act prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. While the material presented in the article was undoubtedly controversial, the executive of PCMcGill wholly defends its publication.

PCMcGill provides its members with a forum to freely exchange their ideas and this policy applies to our newsletter in particular. *Bluenotes* is not an executive publication, nor a propaganda mechanism designed to socialize our members to a way of thinking dictated by Party chiefs in Ottawa. As is clearly identified on page 2, "All views expressed are strictly those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of PCMcGill or the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada."

PCMcGill will continue to allow and encourage its members to evaluate and criticize government policy as they see fit, and will continue to provide a forum for such discussions.

Todd Robers
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President, PCMcGill

Ed. note: Is it really the last issue?

Dope Rationize

To the Daily:

Dope — we rationalize its use:

1. "We use grass. It doesn't give you a hangover like booze does, and the smoke doesn't hurt your lungs as much as cigarettes."

2. "We don't have grass, but we do have hash. We smoke it in a water cooled hash pipe, so it's harder on your lungs than grass, but it's still not as hard as tobacco."

3. "We have hash, but no hash pipe. We can mix it in a spliff with tobacco and there's no harm done. While Tony is out getting more hash, we can all have a beer!"

4. "We don't have any grass or hash, but we got booze and cigarettes. Want an Export 'A'?"

5. "Wanna beer? Want some coke?"

We give you the latest street drugs — instead of giving you what you really want in life — and everybody plays psychiatrist with you. When you're strung out. When the drugs are gone. When your head is fucked. Then — we give you the psychiatric drugs "on prescription."

Man, are you crazy! All those hip freaks with their hip drugs, proving they're smarter than the shrinks, and practicing their psychiatry on you!

Take care, children. It's for my credibility as a sociologist that I did this!

Bob Moore

Erratum

To the Daily:

The special issue of the Black History Month paper included an unfortunate erratum. In my article, "Black and Female", I urged black women to recognize feminism within the black community as different from feminism within the white community. However, due to some misunderstanding by my male co-editors, an unintentional change was made to the article.

After having described the racism within the early feminist movements, the article argued that it (the racism) should not discourage black women from "working with white women to fight male domination." This was not my original sentence. In my original copy of the article, the statement read: *No, I'm not saying that we can't work with our white sisters to fight male domination...*

Now this is a subtle change. Perhaps readers would not even notice the change. But I felt it was necessary to stress that I view the feminist movement as a movement for all women, together. That is, we are all "sisters in the struggle." My article was in no way intended to

alienate the white community from our fight for change, as was suggested by the erratum.

Chérie Payne



Pain and Humiliation

To the Daily:

re: Kathy Bunka's "comment" on the Israeli government's compromise concerning the 415 Palestinian deportees.

In her one-sided, moralistic and smugly self-righteous "analysis" of Israel's offer, Ms. Bunka asks, "How many of us, distracted by the occupation of Kuwait and the incursions of the Serbs, have forgotten about the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip?"

I would like to rephrase her question. I believe it should read, "How many of us, bombarded by the biased, microscopic moralistic focus of the UN and western 'journalists' on Israel, have forgotten about the horror of the Yugoslavian collapse, the terror reigning in India and Kashmir, the murder of peacefully protesting South African bus drivers, the continued occupation of Tibet by China, the British occupation of Ireland, the extreme poverty and privation in Russia...?" To Ms. Bunka, these affairs may be no more than "distractions" from the true evil in the world, but I suggest she examine the Middle East from all angles, not only from her comfortably self-righteous Western perch of high morality

and low factual awareness. What facts led her to label Rabin's offer "arbitrary"? What legal precedents did she examine that led her to determine that the decision of the Israeli Supreme Court was "smug justification" for the deportation, and no more than "an ephemeral boon" for the Prime Minister?

An Israeli friend told me a story about a ball hanging from a ceiling, with a person standing on either side of it, facing each other. One person insists the ball is blue, the other insists that it's red. In Israel they ask, "How do you know it isn't red on one side and blue on the other, unless you walk around and look?" I ask everyone who has jumped on the Israel-bashing bandwagon to walk around to the other side and look. I suspect that the answers to this complex question will not come so easily then.

Wendy Schor
History U3

To the Daily:

In response to Ian R. Hay's "Idiocy of Condemning Israel Week,"

Cynicism in the face of suffering is the worst form of complicity. We cannot afford to be blinded by the name, location or cultural identity of a given state. Any violation of human rights, by us or others, should not be ignored for fear of critiquing those who purport to support us. Governments, regardless of their ideology, should not be above reproach.

The purpose of a government is to best represent the interests of the people that live within its boundaries, regardless of their religion and cultural identity. Palestinians living in Israel are second class citizens and they are expelled at every opportunity. Racial purification or the confinement of populations is no more valid in Israel than it is in former Yugoslavia or South Africa. The Palestinian deportees, alleged Hamas members, deserve a fair trial in their homeland in order to determine the truth of these allegations.

Pain and humiliation have no nationality. The constructive lessons learned from a legacy of pain and suffering should work to prevent anyone from having the same experience.

Israeli Jews must realize that historical circumstances have changed and that they now have the power to stop or inflict responsibilities which accompany political power.

Regardless of our different backgrounds we agree upon this principle: to cast every action in terms of polarized political belief is to cloud the issue of human rights.

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events

- Call for papers on the Middle East for the **McGill Journal of Middle East Studies**. Deadline is Feb. 15, MESSA box, Leacock 414.
- **Vision** presents films on the feminization of poverty, Monday, Feb. 8, 7:30 pm, Burnside 426.
- **Readings by Trevor Ferguson and Camie Kim**, at 8 pm on Monday, Feb 8 at Thomson House, 3650 McTavish, McGill campus. Attendance is free.
- **Women's Union** meeting Monday Feb. 8, at 5:30 pm, in the Women's Union.
- **Latin American Awareness Group** meeting Tuesday Feb. 9 at 5 pm in Union 413. All welcome.

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Look inward O Canada

Opinion by Jonathan Shime

In many ways, Canada is a highly segmented and divided society. Yet there is one issue around which Canadians are consistently able to unite: that no matter how bad the situation may be in our country, our political, social and economic problems are far less severe than neighbours to the South. While this may play an important role in maintaining a Canadian identity, I fear that the repercussions of this claim are far more damaging than we care to admit. By comparing our problems to those in the United States, we are able to overlook their severity, and the solutions necessary to solve them.

We are disgusted by the Republican convention where the theme of family values was simply a synonym for attacking gays and lesbians, and promoting hatred and homophobia.

Meanwhile, in Montreal, two men are beaten to death within one month of each other because they were "suspected" of being gay by skinheads who use gay-bashing as their initiation ritual.

We are shocked by the Republican primaries.

Meanwhile, Jacques Parizeau and the Parti Quebecois sing their nationalist tune emphasizing that they have no need for minorities and immigrants to achieve sovereignty, and Preston Manning heads a populist movement in the West that promotes xenophobia and intolerance.

We are repulsed by the anti-semitism of men like Leonard Jeffries and "ex-Klan" leader David Duke, and the support they garner.

Meanwhile, in Montreal, the KKK comes to McGill to pass out its pamphlets and Jews are greeted on their day

of prayer by synagogues defaced with swastikas and Nazi slogans.

The only thing that we succeed in doing by saying, "Ah yes, you're right, things are bad, but nowhere as bad as in Canada and failing to take measures which will prevent such incidents from being repeated."

It's time to stop assuaging ourselves by comparing Canada to America. We must face the fact that when minorities are consistently killed by police, gays and lesbians are murdered for who they are, xenophobia is an important part of provincial and federal politics, and Jews are the victims of anti-semitic acts, we are in a state of crisis, regardless of how bad things are elsewhere. It is high time we focused on our country and our problems. And the measures needed to solve those problems. Our goal as a pluralist, multicultural society is to strive for a society free of hatred and discrimination, not a violent and intolerant society marginally better than others.